

REDEMPTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

3rd Sunday in Lent



WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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Pre-Service Meditation:

John 2:18-19 ¹⁸So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

Prayer: Oh Lord Jesus Christ, You did not choose the easy road to worship and honor Your Father in Heaven. Instead, You chose the path of the cross so that we too would gain the knowledge to worship God in truth and purity. Ever help us continue in the true worship of You. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forevermore, Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn **WS 764 God of Grace and God of Glory**

Invocation

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King,
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray. . .
- . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
 You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³"You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷"You shall not

take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 19 (selected verses)

- P** The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- C** Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.
- P** There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
- C** Their measuring line goes out through all the
earth, and their words to the end of the world.
- P** The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
- C** the testimony of the Lord is sure,
making wise the simple;
- P** By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there
is great reward.
- C** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and
my redeemer.

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I

will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Gospel Lesson

John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from
the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn **TLH 295 The Law of God is Good vs 1-4,6**

Sermon **John 2:13-22**

No Such Thing as Easy Worship

Offertory



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Hymn:

TLH 467 Built on the Rock vs 1-4,7

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

P . . . in whose Name we also join to pray together:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen

Benediction

C Amen.

Hymn

TLH 354 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Lent:** Our next Lenten service will be Wednesday, March 6th at 7pm with a soup supper beforehand at 6.
- **Women's Group:** The books for our women's group have arrived. The books are \$13. If you weren't at the women's group two weeks ago and would like a copy, please let me know.
- **Bible Class:** If there are any topics you would like to discuss, please bring them up and we will pause our study of the Glad You Asked series to take up the topic of choice.
- **Good Friday:** Our Good Friday Service will be held on March 29th at 7pm. This will be a Tenebrae service.
- **Easter:** Our Easter worship service will be on March 31st at 9:30 am with Easter breakfast beginning at 8.
- **Hymns:** If there are any hymn requests for Easter Sunday, please write them on the sheet on the table in the narthex.

Call News:

- Teacher Matt Thurow of Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Heights, MN ***has accepted the call*** to the professorship at ILC.

- Teacher Levi Schaller of Fridley, MN ***is considering the calls*** to Messiah, Hales Corners in Milwaukee WI and Faith Lutheran in Markesan WI. These calls are separate from each other.
- Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL ***is considering the call*** to Luther Memorial in Fon Du Lac, WI
- Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, ***is still considering the call*** to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal.
- Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia, SC ***is still considering the call*** to teach at Gethsemane in Saginaw MI.

Upcoming Schedule:

Wednesday Mar. 6th Midweek Lenten Service at 7pm

Sunday Mar. 10th Communion Sunday Service at 9

Wednesday Mar. 13th Midweek Lenten Service at 7pm

Sunday Mar. 17th Redemption Sunday Service at 9